

The following appeared in the Bradenton (Fla.) Herald Today.com on-line newspaper today and lists some interesting facts about women in the military, including one that references a USU alumni.

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#### Facts about women in the military

- Of the 1,378,014 people serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, 202,949 are women.
- 287 women have received the Purple Heart for injuries received in a combat situation, including 105 during Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom
- 87 women were prisoners of war during World War II, all of them nurses.
- Two women were prisoners of war during Operation Desert Storm, a doctor (**USU alumna, Dr. Rhonda Cornum, class of '86**) and an Army truck driver.
- Two women were prisoners of war during Operation Iraqi Freedom: Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch and Army Spc. Shoshana Johnson, both members of maintenance companies.
- 450,000 women served during World War II. Twenty-five were wounded by enemy fire, 21 were killed in action, and 470 died of other causes.
- 10,000 women served in the Vietnam War. One was killed in action, and 8 died of other causes.
- 33,000 women were deployed during Operation Desert Storm. Four were killed by hostile fire and 16 died of other causes.
- Three women died while in the theater during Operation Enduring Freedom; no one was killed by hostile fire.
- 34 women have been killed by hostile action during Operation Iraqi Freedom; 19 have died of other causes.

Sources: U.S. Department of Defense and Women in Military Service for America Memorial Foundation Inc.